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AND THE BLACK
CAT, EITHER!



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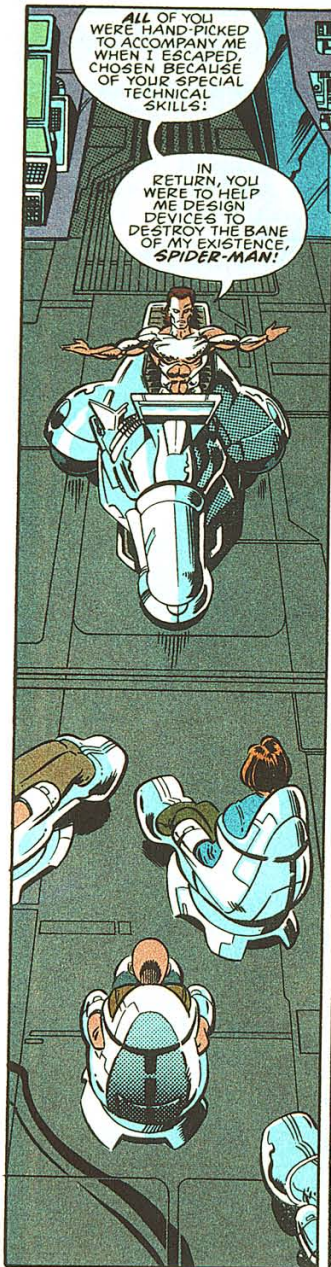
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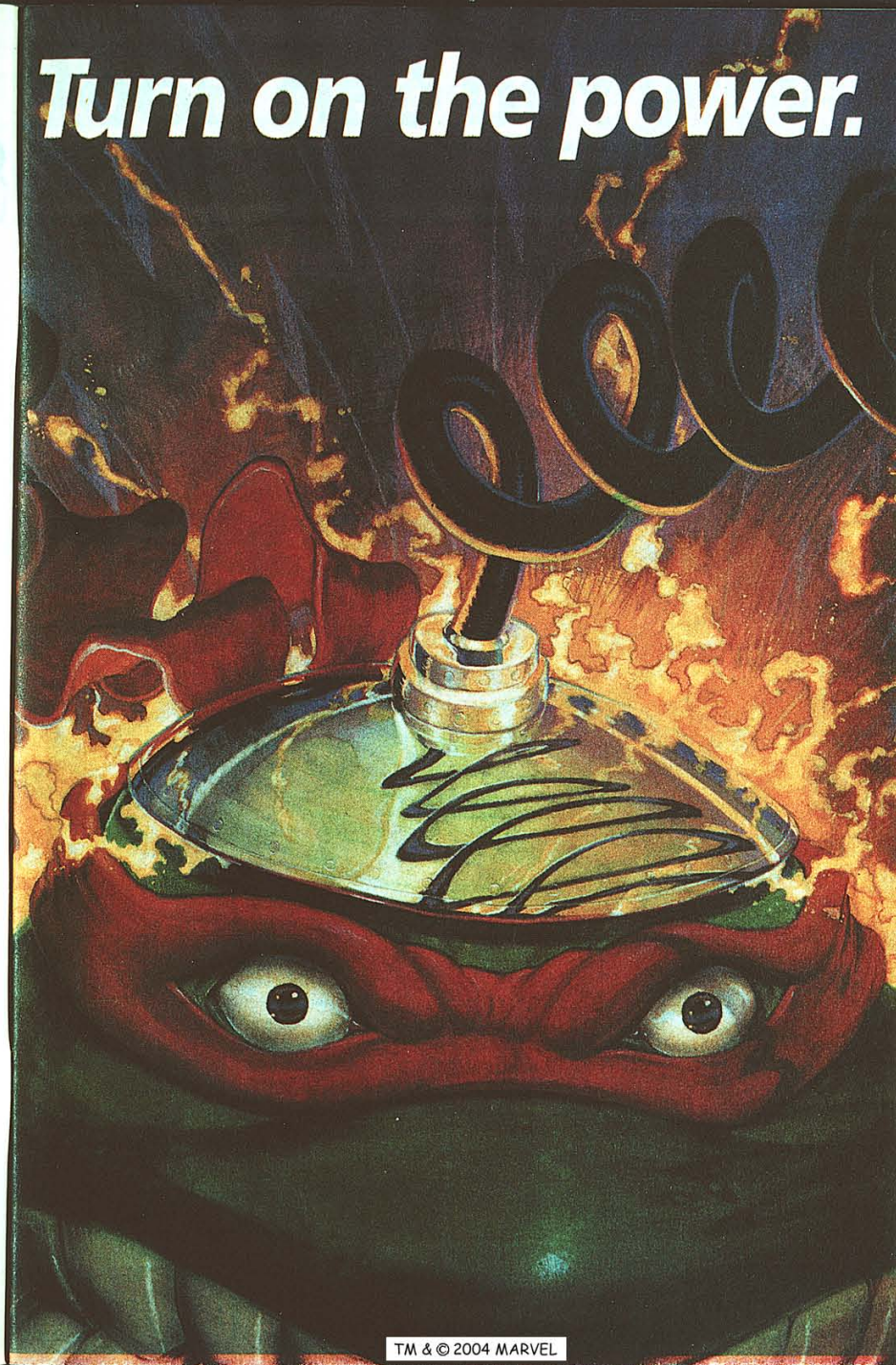


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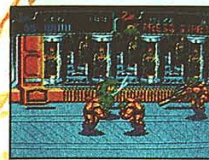


this awesome power go to our heroes' heads? The quick-kicking quartet is on the hot seat again thanks to that mondo master of mayhem Shredder, and this could be Sayonara, dudes. Shredder stole the Hyperstone, a gem with the power to shrink New York City. Now catch that totally bogus bully before he makes the whole world small. Uncool!

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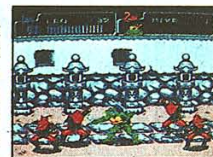
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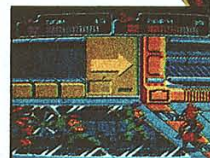


Slug it out in the sewers, do dirty deeds downtown, grind them up on a ghost ship, surf through treacherous ocean waters and even ninja till you drop.

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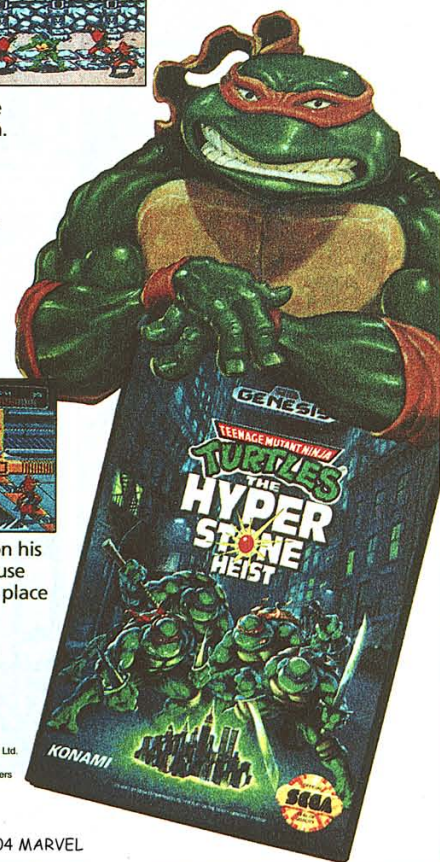
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AND SOON, THE BLACK CAT JOINS SPIDER-MAN AS HE FOLLOWS A FAINTLY- FELT SIGNAL FROM HIS SPIDER-TRACER...

OVER THERE!

I SEE IT.

NOW THAT WE KNOW THESE MECHANICAL SPIDERS ARE WHAT SMYTHE USES TO SPOT SPIDER-MAN--

IT'S A LOT EASIER TO NEUTRALIZE THEM.

YEAH, BUT THAT'S THE FOURTEENTH ONE SO FAR, AND WE HAVEN'T EVEN REACHED BROOKLYN!

YOU SURE WE'VE GOTTEN ALL OF THEM--

--BEFORE THEY COULD LET SMYTHE KNOW WHERE WE ARE?

I HOPE SO.

THWIP

SPATCH

CHLAT

BASH KASH

GOOD JOB, CAT! WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PUT IT OUT OF ACTION BEFORE IT CAN EVEN RIGHT ITSELF AGAIN!

NUTS!

WE'RE GETTING OUT OF THIS EASY!

I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT!

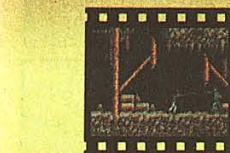


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Storm Castle Brunwald; but
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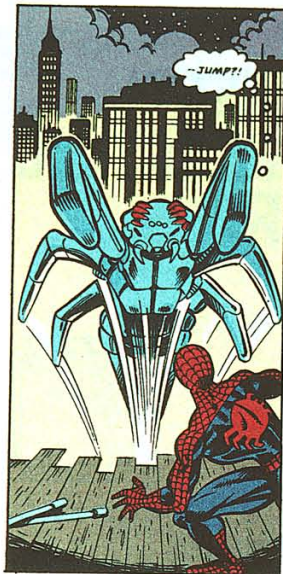
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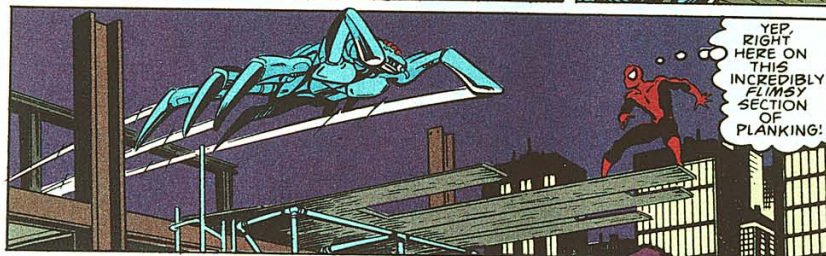


OKAY, OKAY! IT'S BIG AND STRONG AND CAN JUMP!

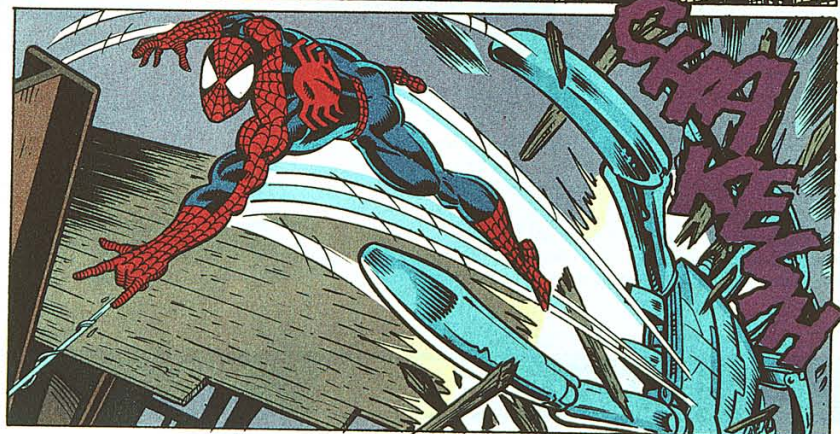


MAYBE THAT CAN WORK FOR ME!

END OF THE LINE, GRUESOME! I'M THROUGH RUNNING! I MAKE MY STAND HERE!



YEP, RIGHT HERE ON THIS INCREDIBLY FLIMSY SECTION OF PLANKING!



SHAKE IT!



SUCKERRR!



BUT SPIDER-MAN'S FOE IS FAR FROM VANQUISHED! NOR...



...IS IT...



...ALONE!



BLAST! TALON-KNIVES BOUNCING OFF!

AND THAT TAIL SPIKE'S GETTING CLOSER EVERY TIME!



EVEN WITH THE METABOLIC IMPLANTS THAT BOOST MY SPEED AND STRENGTH--

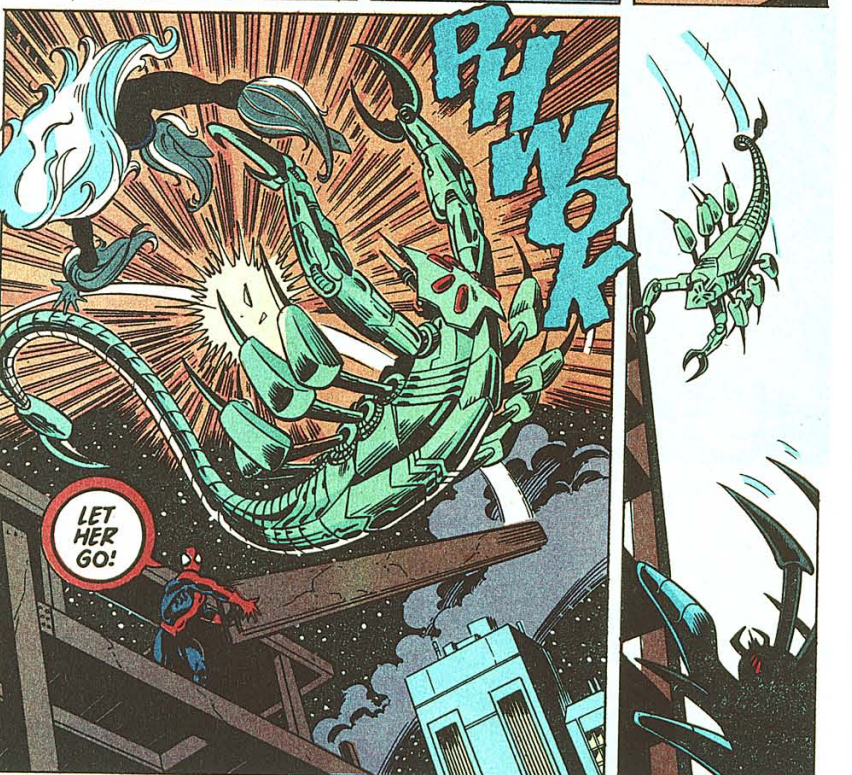
--IT'S TAKING ALL I'VE GOT TO AVOID--



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I'VE BEEN OUT OF ACTION TOO LONG!

THAT WAS REALLY STUPID!



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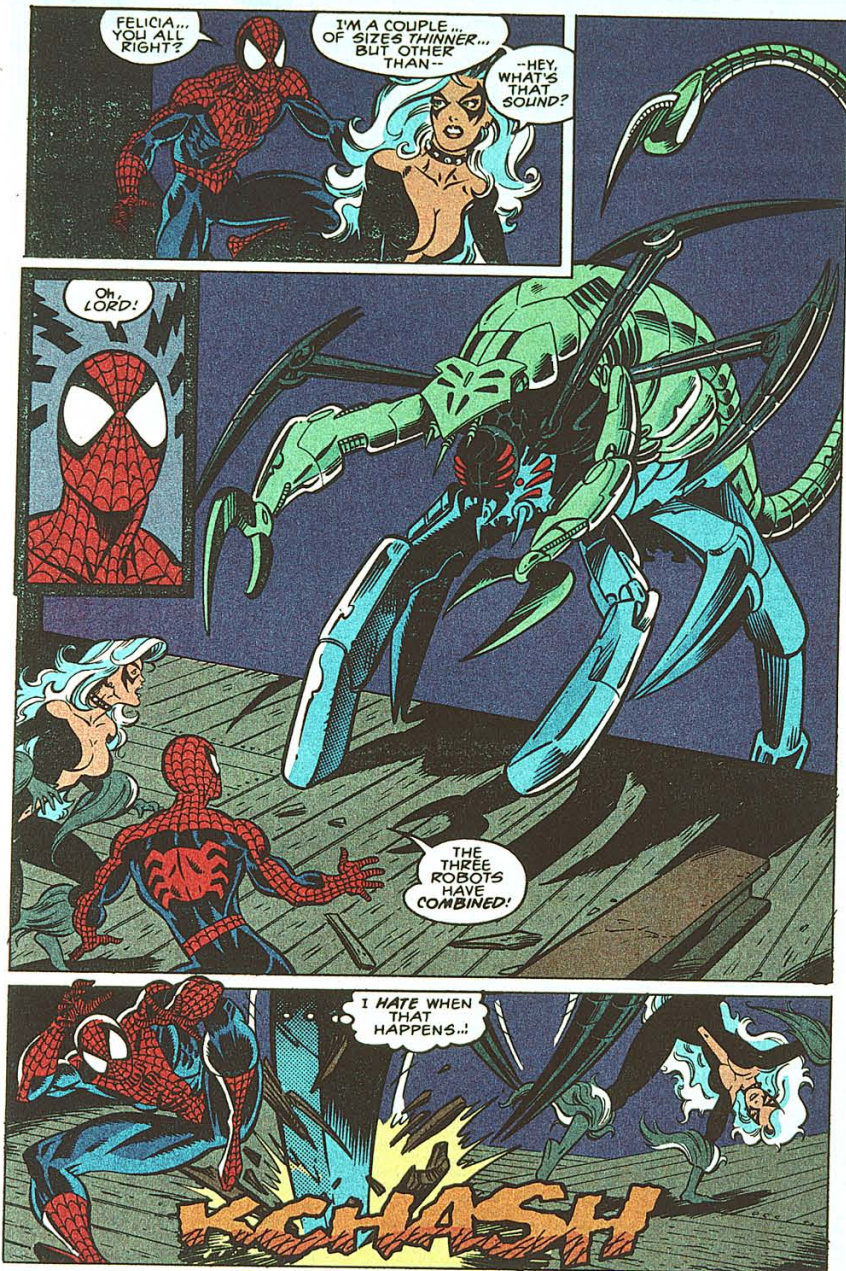
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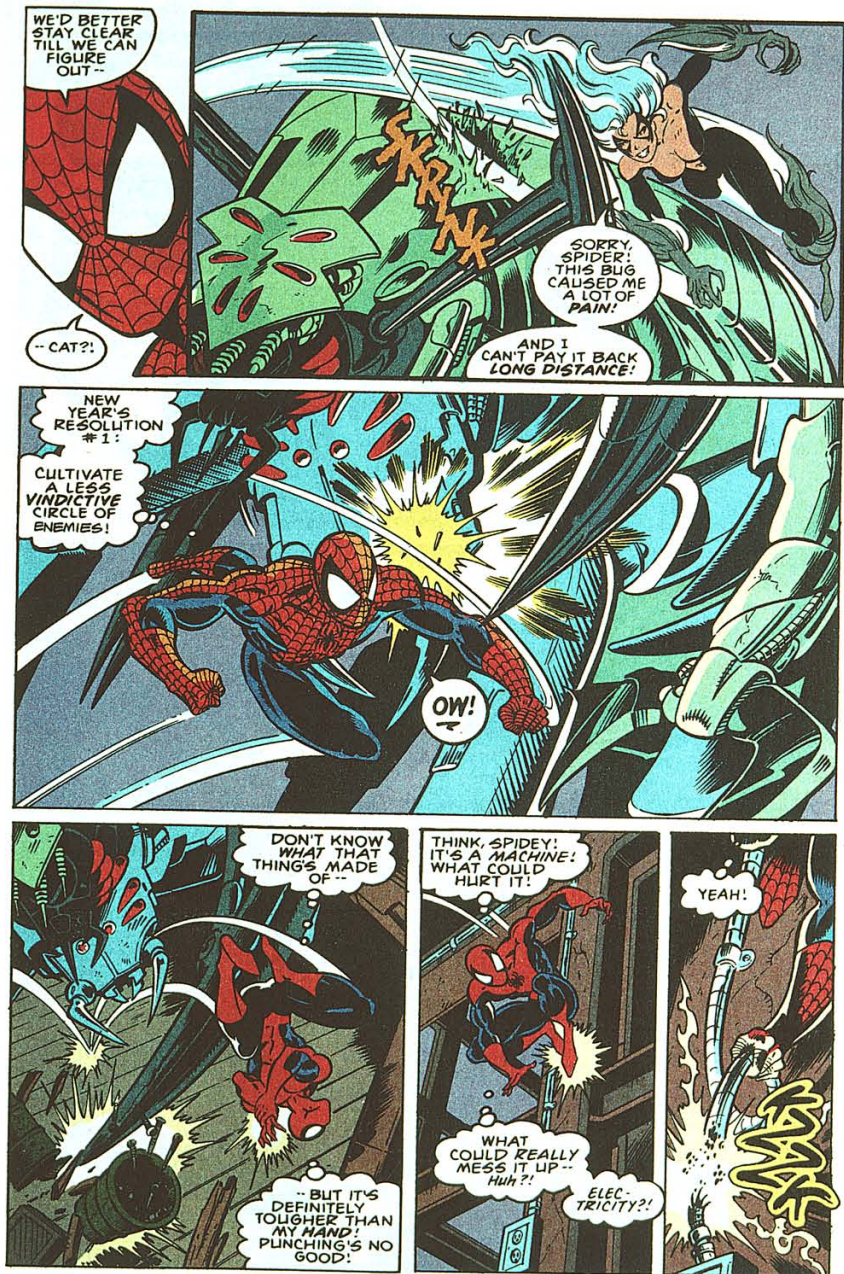
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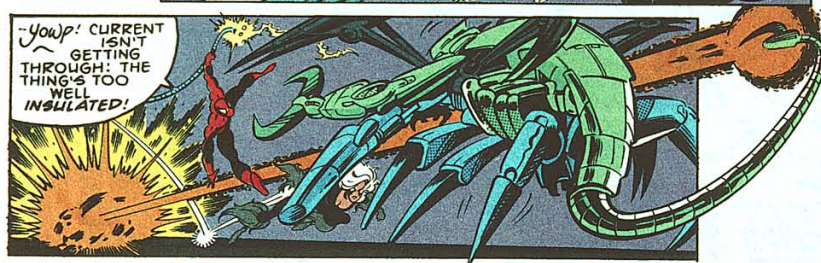
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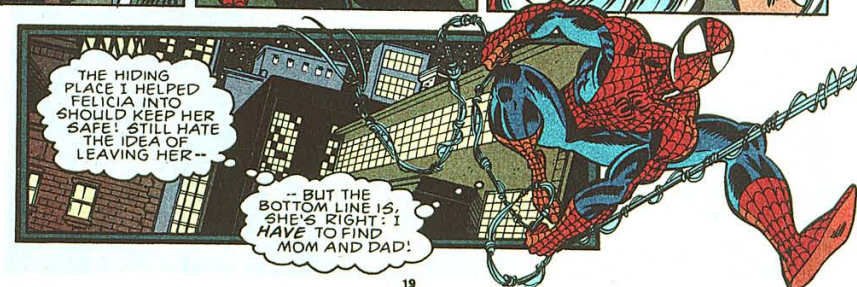
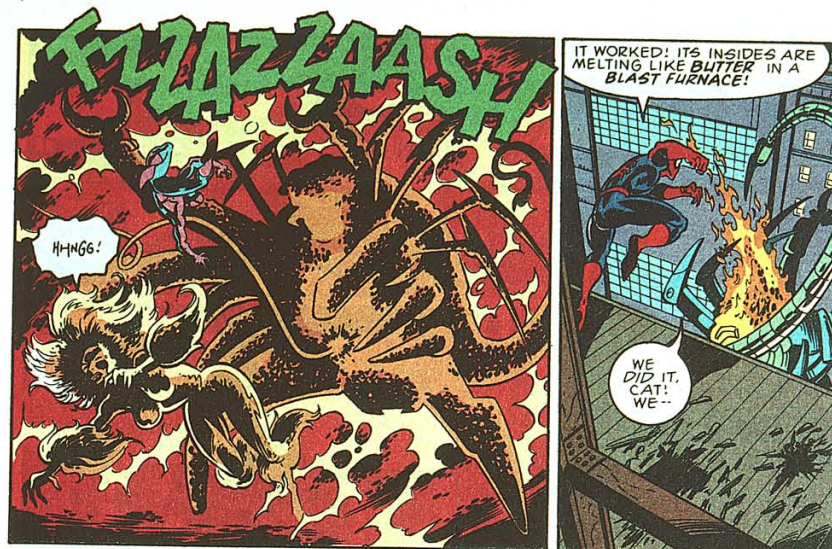
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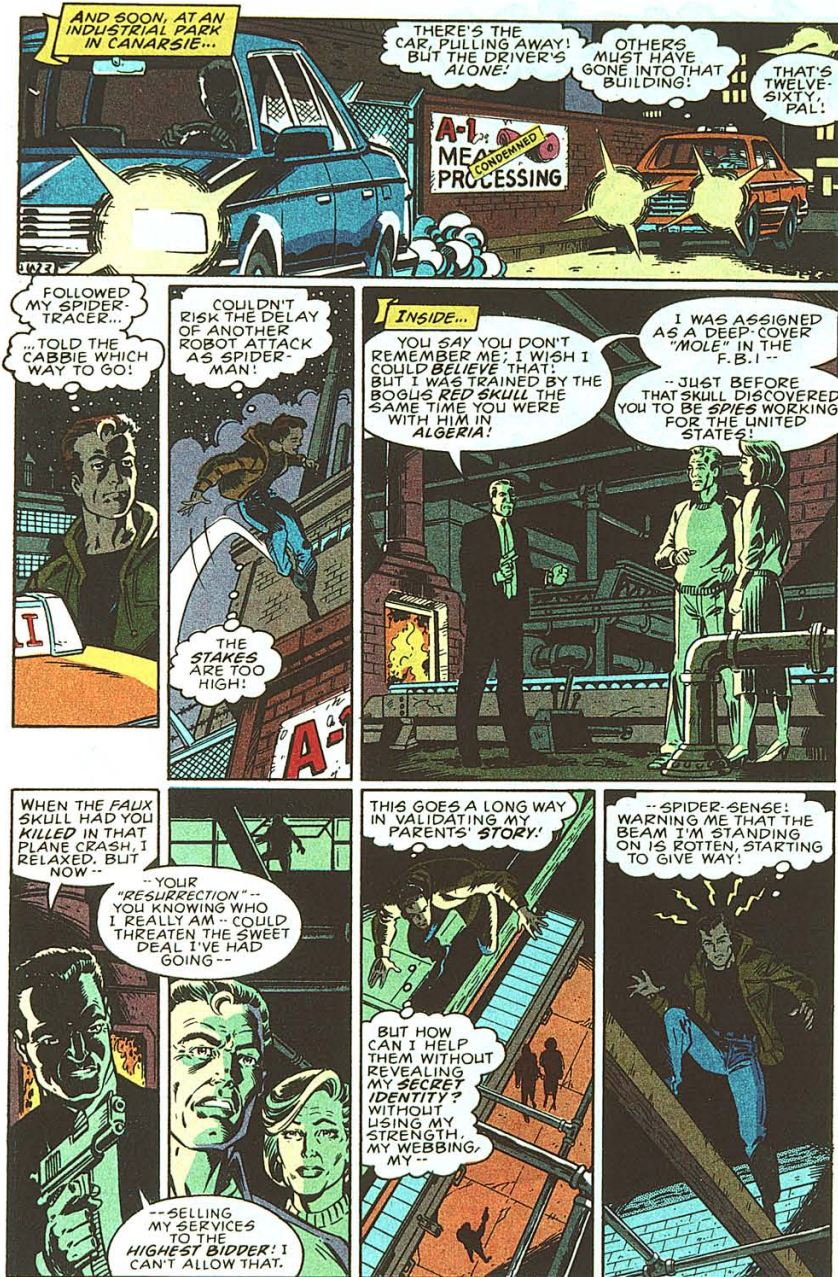
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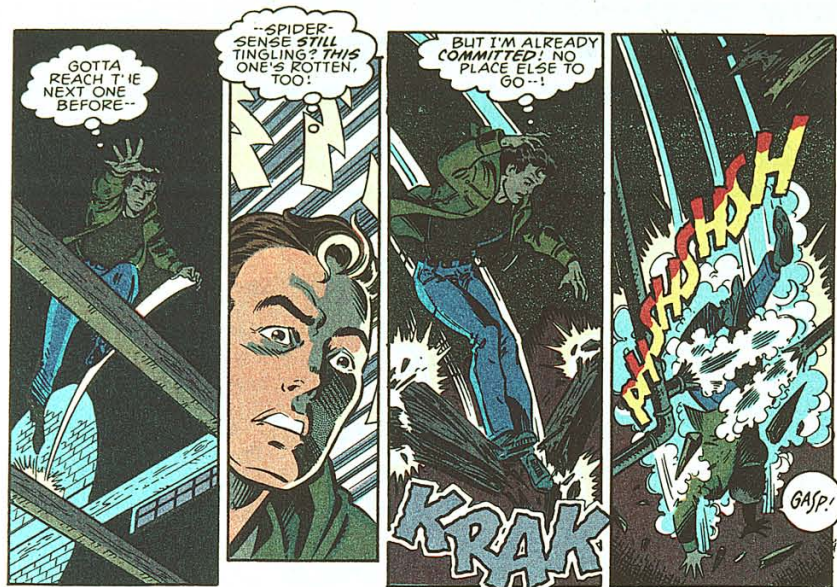
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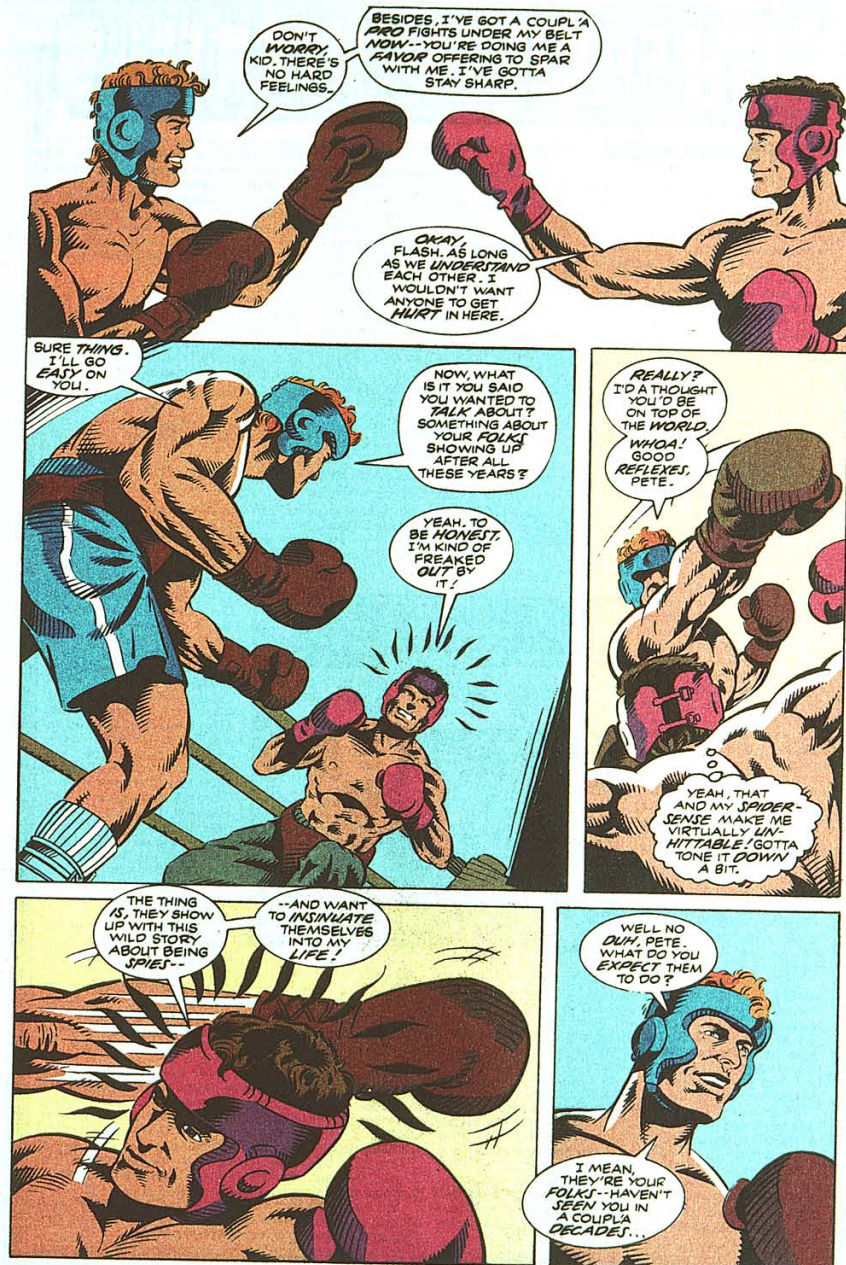
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STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!
What good's a Soapbox if it isn't used to tell you things you didn't know? I'll bet few of you were aware that mighty Marvel's sensational sister company across the sea, Marvel Comics U.K. (U.K. standing for United Kingdom, of course) has taken the once-staid British populace by storm with the creation of a pulse-pounding plethora of startling new super heroes, featured in England's own cosmic collection of costumed crusaders — the now-legendary best-seller — OVERKILL!
But, since few True Believers are able to fly to England each fortnight to pick up the latest editions, your big-hearted Bullpen has solved the problem for you! We've arranged to ship most of Marvel U.K.'s titanic new titles to your favorite comicbook stores in America! No longer shall we underprivileged colonials be deprived of the mother country's harvest

of heroes! And what a caravansary of catclysmic characters they are! Just the briefest listing of their titles should give you an inkling of the wonderment in store.

Zooming to the U.S. at the end of '92 you'll meet DEATH'S HEAD II, MOTOR-MOUTH & KILLPOWER, THE KNIGHTS OF PENDRAGON, DIGITEK, BATTLE-TIDE (the senses-staggering battle between Death's Head II and Killpower), WARHEADS, DARK ANGEL, TEAM HELIX, and NIGHTRAVEN!

But that's only the beginning of Britain's super hero invasion! Early in '93 don't miss the way-out wonderment of MYSTECH WARS, DEATH RATTLE, SHADOW RIDERS, BLOOD SEED, GENE MACHINE, WILD THING, BLACK-AXE, SUPER SOLDIERS, GUN RUNNER, DEATH METAL, and the mind-blasting mystery of — PLASMER!

Perhaps the most spectacular surprise of all is the fact that the entire kaboodle of British heroes meet, greet,

and interact with your own favorites from Marvel U.S.A.! So don't be surprised to see Wolverine and Sabretooth pop up in BattleTide's limited-series, or to find War-heads, Mephisto and the Silver Surfer sharing the same adventures! As always, the Marvel Universe is one and inseparable, so anything happening anywhere affects all else in our ever-constant, ever-changing cosmos!

'Tis with happy heart and cheerful men that I bid thee adieu, buoyed by the knowledge that the incalculable power of this month's Soapbox has insured that thou shalt not miss the triumphant entry of Marvel U.K.'s horde of heroes to our grand and grateful shores!

Excelsior!

Stan
Stan Lee

Everybody's doin' it! No, we're not talking about hologram covers — we're talking about gettin' hitched. Takin' the plunge. Checkin' into the matrimonial institution. Doin' the marriage thing.

Lately there have been a rash of weddings among the editorial staff of Mighty Marvel — they've been popping up like zits on a New Warrior. Following in the footsteps of Reed and Sue ... Peter and Mary Jane ... Dr. Octopus and Aunt May ... many of our mighty Marveloids have decided to pursue lives of wedded bliss. Tying the knot is a big commitment — it's like when Hercules quits his job as a solo hero and becomes an Avenger.

One editor who is solo no longer is Associate Editor Evan Skolnick, who this past July said "I do" to his own British import, Lynn White, after a whirlwind three month courtship. In addition to his recent nuptials, Evan was recently promoted to Associate Editor of such titles of ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER and MARVEL YEAR IN REVIEW. Sounds like he'll have quite a year of his own to review.

Evan's former boss, Fabian Nicieza, writer of NOMAD, last month gave up his life of wandering as he settled down and married his longtime sweetheart, Tracey Lee. It only took twelve years for Fabie to make that decision — that's one heck of a deadline! Fabie's brother, Mariano, of the Promotions Department, threw a blowout bachelor party for fabulous Fabie, which featured a special mega-entertaining slideshow of "The Lives and Time of Fabian." It was attended by many of the brightest and best guys (no girls allowed, natch) in the business.

Fabian's NOMAD editor Glenn "Helium" Herdling seems to have found religion. Not only is he writing PARAGON for our new religious comics line, but he also was made an honest man last month by his new bride, Laura Eckhardt. Glenn took his lady love up in a balloon, and popped the question — but not the balloon, fortunately. Glenn's proposal first appeared in comic book form in WHAT IF #31. Glenn presented Laura with a copy of the comic while up in the balloon, and she answered in the affirmative quicker than Tom DeFalco approving a new Thor series.

Still waiting for approval for that Quasar/Pen & Stimpie team-up is Mark Gruenwald, who also slipped the quantum band around the finger of his new bride, Catherine Schuller, last month. Performing at Mark's wedding was WOLVERINE writer Larry Hama's band, the K-Otics! Mark and Catherine's wedding song was "One More Kiss," from the movie *Bladerunner*! (Now if only we could make a replicant of Mark, we could get twice as much work out of him!)

Bullpen cartoonist Rick Parker, still basking in the success of his best-selling book with Barry Dutter, Everything I Really Need to Know I learned From Television, also walked down the aisle last month with BARBIE writer Lisa Trusani at a ceremony in Falmouth, Maine. The reception included a good old New England style clam bake, and all the guests were treated to a cruise on lovely Casco Bay. Unfortunately, the Love Boat's Captain Stubing was unavailable to perform the wedding ceremony.

Sadly, Pin-Head of the Cenobites, doesn't do weddings, either. Pin-Head's boss, HELLRAISER editor Marcus McLaurin, is used to seeing souls torn apart over in the pages of that mag. But MM will take part in the joining of two souls when he exchanges vows with his intended, Janet Paes, next May. Marcus proposed to Janet on the Sky Ride at Disneyworld last January. Surely this wedding will be an Epic event, though hopefully not a harrowing one. (Or are we Barkening up the wrong tree?)

Finally, we come to HULK editor Bobbie Chase, whose gamma-irradiated nuptials will be taking place next June. Craig Kunasch, of the Direct Sales Department, proposed to Bobbie at the top of a mountain in St.Martin while the two were on vacation. It is hoped that their union will bring Marvel's editorial and sales departments closer together, and bring even greater unity to the Marvel family. Surely it won't be long before Bobbie and Craig will have little Midnight Sons and Daughters of their own running around all over the place.

Warmest wedding wishes to all our new newlyweds! And remember the lesson learned by Spider-Man not so long ago: With great weddings come great catering bills!



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...OF COURSE THEY WANT TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME.

I SURPOSE SO, BUT...



BUT NOTHING! WHY ELSE WOULD THEY BE DOING IT? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE RICH OR FAMOUS AND THERE WAS SOME WAY THEY COULD LEECH OFF YOU.

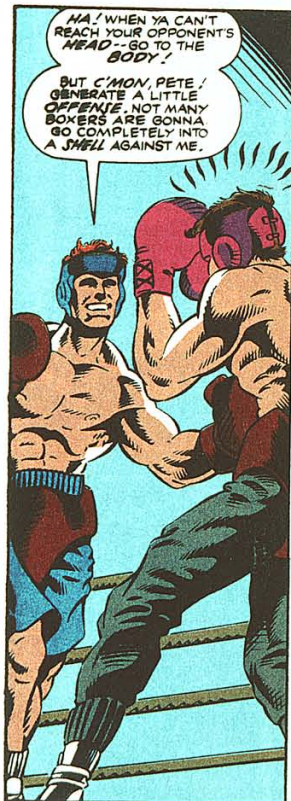
WHAT WOULD THEY HAVE TO GAIN BY CONNING YOU?



NOTHING...

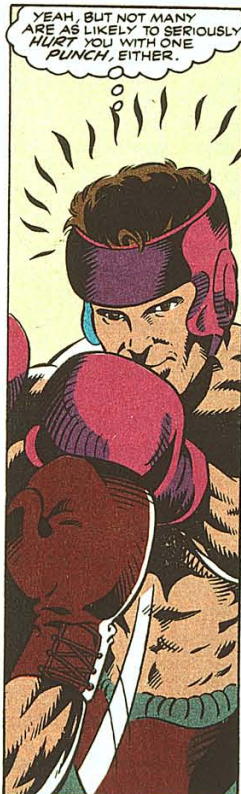
UNLESS THEY'RE AGENTS OF SPIDER-MAN'S ENEMIES! WHO SOMEHOW LEARNED THAT I'M THE WALL-CRAWLER.

OF COURSE, I CAN'T TELL FLASH THAT.



HA! WHEN YA CAN'T REACH YOUR OPPONENTS MEAD--GO TO THE BODY!

BUT C'MON, PETE! GENERATE A LITTLE OFFENSE. NOT MANY BOXERS ARE GONNA GO COMPLETELY INTO A SHUFF AGAINST ME.



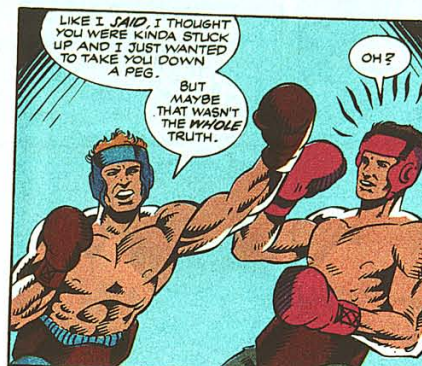
YEAH, BUT NOT MANY ARE AS LIKELY TO SERIOUSLY HURT YOU WITH ONE PUNCH, EITHER.



Y'KNOW, PETE, YOU ONCE ASKED ME WHY I USED TO "BULLY" YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL--

--AND I STILL CONTEND THAT I DIDN'T...

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LIKE I SAID, I THOUGHT YOU WERE KINDA STUCK UP AND I JUST WANTED TO TAKE YOU DOWN A PEG.

BUT MAYBE THAT WASN'T THE WHOLE TRUTH.

OH?



YEAH, I NEVER TOLD YOU ABOUT MY DAD, DID I?

NO...



WELL, HE WAS NOTHING LIKE ME. JUST THE OPPOSITE. HE WAS QUIET, STUDIOUS... OVERLY INTELLIGENT.



IN FACT, FROM THE FIRST, I THINK YOU REMINDED ME OF HIM!

HLN? OOF!

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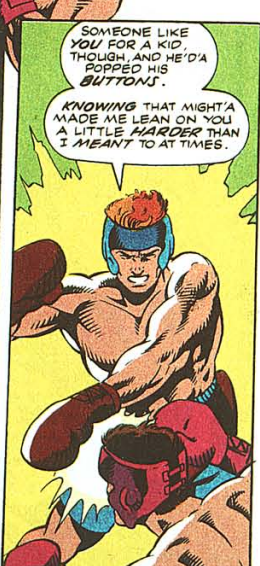
YEAH, A REAL BOOKWORM. AND HE WANTED ME TO BE LIKE HIM.

BUT I JUST COULDN'T MAKE THE GRADE... SO TO SPEAK.



I WAS AN OKAY STUDENT-- BUT NOT UP TO HIS STANDARDS.

AND AS FOR MY ATHLETIC ABILITY-- HE COULDN'T CARE LESS. THOUGHT ALL THAT JOCK STUFF WAS A WASTE OF TIME.



SOMEONE LIKE YOU FOR A KID, THOUGH, AND HE'D POPPED HIS BUTTONS.

KNOWING THAT MIGHT'A MADE ME LEAN ON YOU A LITTLE HARDER THAN I MEANT TO AT TIMES.



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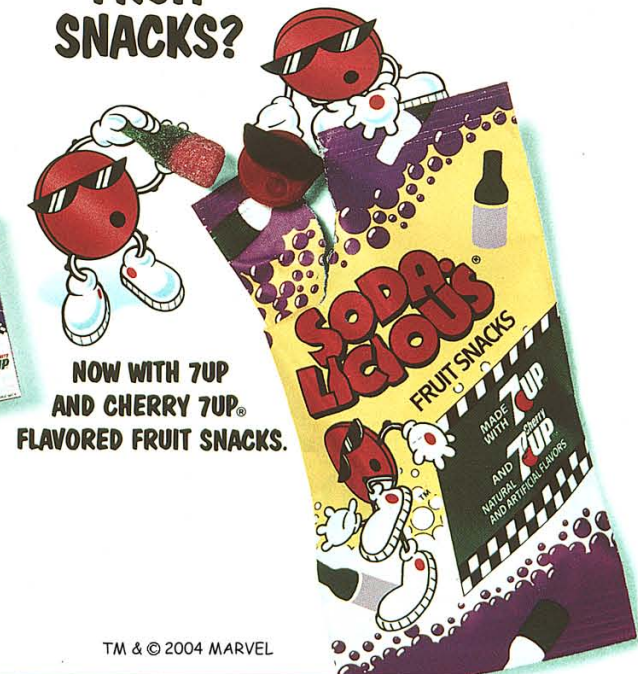
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